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SUBJECT: MILITARY ACTIVITIES ON TAIWAN DURING LAST QUARTER
CY 1975: FLAG OFFICER VISITS

REFERENCE: TAIPEI 6257

BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL:

1. IN ADDITION TO VISITS REPORTED REFTEL, WE UNDERSTAND THAT BRIG. GENERAL KENNETH D. BURNS, COMMANDER, USAF SECURITY SERVICE PLANS TO VISIT TAIWAN FOR A COMMAND INSPECTION OF THE 6987 SECURITY GROUP AT SHU LIN KOU AIR STATION OCTOBER 24-26. ALTHOUGH STATE IS NOT AN ADDRESSEE, THE REQUEST FOR THEATER CLEARANCE SAYS ISA AND STATE HAD APPROVED VISIT.
END CONFIDENTIAL.

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

2. EMBASSY WAS INFO ON THE FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED CABLE FROM SECDEF (ASD/ISA) DISAPPROVING TRAVEL OF RADM. THOMAS J. KILCLINE, COMNAVPHIL.

3. QUOTE:

THIS OFFICE CANNOT CONCUR IN THE PROPOSED TRAVEL OF RADM. THOMAS J. KILCLINE AND PARTY TO TAIPEI. THIS TRAVEL HAS BEEN SCHEDULED AT A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TIME IN US-CHINA

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RELATIONS. VISITS BY HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS WOULD BE PARTICU-

LARLY INOPPORTUNE DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONCURS. END QUOTE.
END UNCLASSIFIED.

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5. WE ASSUME EMBASSY WAS AN INFO ADDRESSEE AT REQUEST OF
DEPARTMENT AND APPRECIATE SUCH EFFORTS TO KEEP US FULLY
INFORMED OF DOD ACTIVITIES. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT SECDEF
CABLE WAS UNCLASSIFIED. WE QUESTION ABSENCE SECURITY
CLASSIFICATION FOR SUCH MESSAGES WHENEVER "POLITICAL" CON-
SIDERATIONS ARE CITED OR DISCUSSED. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH
CONSULT WITH DOD ON CLASSIFICATION POLICY.

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